TYPHOID EXPERTS AT ALEXANDRIA

State Board of Health Begins **Inquiry in Sanitary**

ADVISE AGAINST ALARM

Conditions.

ALEXANDRIA, July 9 .- "Write san Itary conditions in Alexandria are a menace to public health, they are purely local and not so serious as to cause much alarm among the people of the city.

"We shall begin this week a thor "We shall begin this week a thorough investigation into the sources of infection which have caused typhoid fever and in two weeks we shall have arrested the causes. In two months the sanitary conditions of the city shall be in perfect condition."

These statements were made this morning by Dr. William M. Smith, chairman of the state board of health of Virginia. in outlining the plan of campaign the board will follow in "cleaning up" Alexandria.

Mass Meeting Informed.

The board made known its intention of taking a hand in the situation Sunday afternoon at a large mass meeting of citizens, under the auspices o the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, to consider the typhoid fever situa-tion, which was said to be spreading. Dr. E. G. Williams of the state board of health announced at the meeting that the state board would take ac-

for. First arrival on the scene in the First arrival on the scene in the "cleaning-up" campaign from the state board of health was A. S. Holway, acting chief engineer of the board, who appeared today. Later in the day it is expected that Surgeon L. L. Lumsden of the United States public health service will join Mr. Holway and assume complete charge of the work, with the state board of health acting in a supervisory capacity.

Staff of Experts to Act.

Dr. Smith said today that Surgeon Lumsden will have under his direction a competent staff of sanitary men, probably obtained from cities

men, probably obtained from cities outside of Alexandria.

The efforts of the health authorities will be directed first to the water supply. Daily analyses will be taen to learn the condition of the water. While analyses of the city water supply have shown no typhoid germs, the water is said not to be free from pollution.

Following investigation of the water supply there will be examinations of dairies and tests of milk to ascertain the degree of safety in the milk furnished Alexandrians. Where insanitary conditions are found remedies will be forthcoming.

"Clean-Up" to Follow.

enced such industrial and general bus-iness prospertly as at the present time. But they admit that insanitary con-ditions existed and the action of the state board of health, in lieu of ac-tion by city officials, was imperative.

Started by Commerce Chamber.

The chamber of commerce is credited with having brought about the change in conditions, though the order issued on Saturday last by Lieut. Col. Park of Camp Humphreys, that the soldlers at the camp do no trading in Alexandria, contributed. The chamber of commerce claims to have prepared on Friday of last week the notices of the mass meeting of citizens held the following Sunday to consider general sanitary conditions of the city because of the cases of typhoid fever.

It was at this mass meeting that Maj. I. W. Brewer of Camp Humphreys appeared and in explanation of the order issued to men in the camp said that it was a precautionary measure. He made no allegations that foodstuffs and soft drinks in Alexandria stores were not fit to eat or drink, but said that the men of the camp must be protected in view of the cases of typhoid fever in Alexandria.

Bad Drinking Water Alleged.

Some persons asserted that the water was the cause of the illness. Mrs. J. G. Cockey of 530 King street declared to a Star representative yesterday that for the past few months she has boiled all of her drinking water. She said that there are many other women to her knowledge who do the same thing. She said that sometimes when the water is left in a glass over night a sediment is found at the bottom in the morning. Mrs. Cockey said that in view of this experience she began to boil the water last spring.

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Mrs. Cockey also said that there are a number of families of the city that use a mineral water, which is sold by a concern in the city, in preference to that furnished by the Alexandria Water Company, which is the main water distributing concern of the city.

The Griffins lived at 714 G street main wa

Charge Is Disputed.

George Uhler, secretary-treasurer of the Alexandria Water Company, declared that the water is all that could be desired and in this he is championed by the chamber of commerce, the company and commercial organization having maintained that analysis has shown the water to be pure.

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the water situation in Alexandria has been the cause of more or less agitation for some time. More than two years ago a number of citisens complained against the Alexandria to the complained against the Alexandria the semplained th

Commission to Give Hearing.

Tomorrow morning there will be a hearing before the commission on the question of the water supply and in-crease in rates. The following is a copy of the letter received by Samuel G.

crease in rates. The following is a copy of the letter received by Samuel G. Brent, commonwealth's attorney for Alexandria, from Alexander Foward of the state corporation commission relative to the hearing:

"It has been brought to the attention of the commission and of the state board of health that the method of the Alexandria Water Company in distributing its water supply is dangerous to the health of the community, and the commission desires in connection with the above case, which involves the matter of service, to have a conference on this subject, which will be held in the commission's office, in Richmond, Wednesday, July 10, at 10 o'clock. The parmached food taken from the commission's office, in Richmond, Wednesday, July 10, at 10 o'clock. The parties to the conference will be the attorneys for the city of Alexandria, for the petitioners in the above case, and for the Alexandria Water Company, with representatives of the state health department and the United States department of public health."

NEARS ITS CLOSE

of Former French Soldier, Who Resists Extradition.

IS CHARGED WITH CRIME

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for war use. The lawyers representing Godsol may close their arguments late tills afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Opens for the Government.

Assistant United States Attorney Laws opened the argument for the government. He first pointed out the limitations on the power of the court in habeas corpus, proceeding to review the decision of Justice Hitz, saying that the test to be applied by the court to the case was whether there was any legal evidence before Justice Hitz on which he might base his order for the extradition. The presence of hearsay evidence in the record was of no moment, he claimed; provided there was other competent evidence to support the charge.

Answering the contention of Attorney Stanchfield that the crime, if any, was committed in America, because, while representation may have been made in France, the money was obtained in New York, Mr. Laws urged that the law of France under the law of France the prosecution could be maintained there, even though the money was paid in America.

Additional Arguments Heard.

Chapter of the great stock of groceries of every description in the sale were taken, and such will undergo the scrutiny of the local food administration. Any one who may have purchased more than his needs will be in danger of facing a hoarding charge was the store. A big crowd of purchasers gathered extrainty of the local food administration. Any one who may have purchased will be in danger of facing a hoarding charge the scrutiny of the local food administration. Any one who may have purchased will be in danger of facing a hoarding charge the scrutiny of the local food administration. Any one who may have purchased will be indinger of facing a hoarding charge the scrutiny of the local food administration. Any one who may have purchased will be indinger of facing a hoarding charge was laded. A big crowd of purchasers gathered extra was tended. A big crowd of purchasers gather

"Clean-Up" to Follow.

Then there will be general "cleaning-up" of restaurants, back yards, streets and other places where fles are prevalent. Mosquitoes will also be given attention. The marshes and other low lands close to Alexandria will be drained and liberally coated with oil to eliminate this nuisance.

Dr. Smith received todday from Dr. W. C. Fowler, health officer of the District of Columbia, the copy of a letter be sent to Dr. Williams of the state before placed by the state before placed by the state of the state before placed by the state state interval to the placed by the state state interval to conditions seem to warrant to protect the clistens of the District of Columbia. I am writing to ask if you will kindly advise me as to the exact situation at this time, so that this department may take action if the conditions seem to warrant to protect the Clistric the District of Columbia. The beard's Action Approved.

Business men and the general public of Alexandria are elated over the summary action of the state board of health officials in taking charge of the sanitary situation with a view to carrying on two "clean-up" campaigns to better the health of the city.

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COUPLE, AFTER QUARREL, TREATED FOR POISONING

Mrs. Griffin, Taken to Hospital, Finds Her Husband Also a Patient.

John W. Griffin, a Baltimore and Ohio railroad brakeman, and Mra. Casualty Hospital, where they are being treated for poison they are said to have taken last night. Physicians expressed the opinion that

Police of the ninth precinct made an investigation but failed to find any some of it and had been taken to the The Griffins lived at 714 G street

northeast. It was said at that numper today that the husband had not been working steadily and that last night he and his wife engaged in a

Navy Fireman Dies of Injuries.

poration commission, and several hearings were held with no decision being reached. The question of increased rates desired by the water company also was taken up. SOLD AT AUCTION

Hand to Buy Condemned

WENT IN LARGE LOTS

Hoarded food taken from the home of Dr. Francis S. Nash, U. S. N., was sold at auction today at a United States marshal's sale held by Adam . Weschler, at 920 Pennsylvania avenue. The food sold comprised the entire store, estimated to be worth about \$1,900, taken from the Nash home in Q street recently, and condemned by the District Supreme Court, The sale was the first of its kind in the United States. Clarence R. Wilson, District food

administrator, was an interested spectator at the beginning of the sale, Attorneys' Arguments in Case following the reading to the throng of boarding-house keepers, confec-tioners and others by Mr. Weschler of a letter from the United States Food Administration, limiting the sale of sugar to householders, unless the purchaser fed twenty-five persons or more. It was announced that not more than two pounds could be The prosecution today finished its argument before Justice Gould of the District Supreme Court, who is hearing the habeas corpus proceeding for the release from custody of Frank J. Godsol. Godsol, a former French soldier, is charged with obtaining \$1,500,000 from

Names and Addresses Taken.

The names and addresses of purfor war use. The lawyers representing chasers of the great stock of groceries of every description in the sale were

foodstuffs had to bring their own con-tainers for its removal. The cans-will go back to Dr. Nash.

All the articles purchased will have to be taken from the saleroom by the purchasers today.

No wines, etc., were sold today. It is declared that several persons made inquiry at the saleroom early in the morning as to whisky, wines, etc., found in the Nash stock, and seemed disappointed when told that none would be sold.

H. B. Kramer of the local food ad-ministration brought to the saleroom

ministration brought to the saleroom this morning the letter defining the rules of sale. Deputy Marshal P. F. Cusick was on hand, but had little to do, as the crowd was most orderly and was plainly out for business.

AUTOMOBILE DRIVER **GETS FULL PENALTY**

Sentenced for Driving Car While

was agreed no money was received by Godsol in France, a trail, if any, should be in the place where the money was received. Justice Gould remarked, "That is my view of the law."

The attorney, taking this as favorable to his contention that Godsol should not be sent back to France, said, "Then we have nothing else to say, let the prosecution answer."

Inement in default of payment of the fine.

Although Judge Hardison had previously announced that he would impose the maximum penalty upon convicted bootleggers, provided the cases did not decrease, it is believed that he did not directly make the sale, but was a "tool" for a bootlegger.

English & O'Brien, Wool Men, Accused of Conspiracy to Defraud

John M. Barnes Dismissed The case against John M. Barnes, arrested on Independence day by Po-leeman O. T. Davis of the fifth pre-cinct for bootlegging, was noile prossed because of the lack of suf-diant syldence.

U-BOATS MENACE BRITAIN.

Danger Still Prevalent, But Curbed. Says Munitions Secretary.

LONDON, Monday, July 8.—The great body of the English nation fails great body of the English nation falls to realize how near England came to irretrievable disaster because of the German U-boats, said Frederick George Kellaway, secretary to the minister of munitions, speaking at Midlands today. In discussing the submarine peril, Mr. Kellaway said:

"The U-boat is still one of the greatest perils against which the aliles have to fight. Those who suppose we shall ever be able to abolish these risks are living in a fool's paradise. But, thanks to the navy, our losses are being brought to within limits which the allies can bear without flinching. Recent returns show the loss of munitions ships from submarine warfare are only about a quarter of what they were when the U-boat campaign was at its height. There have been weeks recently when the Germans failed to sink a single ton of munitions."

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Steamer Returns; Saved 600 Lives SEATTLE, Wash., July 9.-After saving the lives of more nas been the cause of more or less relations to the cause of more or less relations for some time. More than gitation for some time. Guy Casey, a Navy fireman Dies of Injuries, hundred cannery employes, including twenty-one men marconed on an ice-bear company. It was charged the caused by a fall down a hatch about the force of the company of the cause of the company of

FOOD HOARDED BY DR. NASH SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION.





HOTOGRAPHS MADE IN THE AUCTION ROOMS OF ADAM A. WESCHLER, 920 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, THI MORNING. SHOWING THE FOODSTUFFS FOUND IN THE HOME OF, DR. FRANCIS S. NASH, 1723 Q. STREET, GOING TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. DR. NASH WAS CONVICTED OF HOARDING FOOD AND FINED \$1.000

GERMANS IMPRESSED BY AMERICAN TROOPS

Enemy Intelligence Report Admits United States Lads Are "Very Good" Soldiers.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, July 8 .- An indication of what the German army thinks of the fighting ability of the Americans is given by a copy of an intelligence report of the — (deleted) German army, which has just been obtained. The report, describing the fighting on the Marne, refers to the —— (deleted) American division as a very good one "almost an attacking division," and adds that the nerves of the Ameri-

cans have not yet been shaken. The German fire, the report says had been unable to affect the morale of the Americans, who lacked only the

serious adversaries. report states, were physically well tions.

of the firm of English & UBRien, Bos-Albert Butler, colored, charged with illegally selling liquor, entered a plea of not guilty when arraigned before Judge Hardison this morning and demanded a jury trial. Butler was arrested Monday night by Police-man Davis.

O'Brien it became known that the overnment yesterday instituted a ination of the firm's records showed, federal authorities said, that two sets of books had been kept, one for examination by internal revenue experts and the other for the private information of the defendants.

The arrest was described by federal officials as the first of a series of prosecutions against alleged tax dedgers.

Wetmore, distinguished lawyer and 1836 Cooks in many important patent litigation the United States during the last thirty years, has died at his hom here. He was at one time president of the American Bar Association (1900-1901). He was educated at Harvard, from which he graduated in 1860, and received his legal education at Columbia. He was born in Utica, the columbia had for action by the grand the crew lander safely at a French large at 1860, and received his legal education at Columbia. He was born in Utica, and the crew lander safely at a French large at 1860, and the crew lander safely at a French large at 1860, and the crew lander safely at a French large at 1860, and the crew lander safely at a French large at 1860, and the crew lander safely at a French large at 1860, and the crew lander safely at a French large at 1860, and the crew lander safely at a French large at 1860, and the crew lander safely at a French large at 1860, and the crew lander safely at a French large at 1860, and the crew lander safely at a French large at 1860, and the crew lander safely at a French large at 1860, and the crew lander safely at a French large at 1860, and the crew lander safely at a French large at 1860, and the crew large at 18 here. He was at one time presiden

WOODEN SHIPS TO LIFT D. C. PHONE CALLS LOW IN AVERAGE BURDEN OFF RAILROADS

Smaller Than in Other Cities. **Testimony at Hearing** Shows.

Telephone calls per station per day in Washington show a low average compared with those of other cities omparable to the capital.

This was brought out today at the resumption of the hearing before the resumption of the hearing before the Public Utilities Commission to determine whether financial relief shall be given the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company to meet increased by the fact that there are 332 wooden the provided by the fact that there are 332 wooden the provided by the fact that there are 332 wooden to be provided by the fact that there are 332 wooden the provided by the fact that there are 332 wooden to be provided by the fact that there are 332 wooden to be provided by the fact that there are 332 wooden to be provided by the fact that there are 332 wooden to be provided by the fact that there are 332 wooden to be provided by the fact that there are 332 wooden to be provided by the fact that there are 332 wooden to be provided by the fact that there are 332 wooden to be provided by the fact that there are 332 wooden.

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bureau of standards was on the stand the entire morning explaining data compiled by experts of the bureau relative to the local telephone situation. Indications were that this government of the contracts have been let for ninety-contracts have been let for nine the record of its findings. G. S. TIME RIPE TO DISCUSS

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Curtailed by Court' Dr. Wolff's testimony largely was taken up with amplifications of the telephone report issued recently by the bureau as a public document. His figures on usage showed that the average call rate per station per day in Philadelphia is 4.33; Baltimore 4.80; New York, 5: Pittsburgh, 5.05; Boston, 5.37; San Francisco, 5.37; Cleveland, 7.40, and Detroit 9.80, whereas, in Washington, it is but 3.3.

He showed that the ratio of flat rate calls to total calls originating in the busy hours of service in Washington is decreasing. In 1815 the per centage ratio was 14.1; in 1916, 12.9, and in 1917, 12.1.

Automatic May Increase Calls.

L. S. of Taxes.

BOSTON, July 9.—William A. English and John H. O'Brien, members of the firm of English & O'Brien, Boston wool merchants, were arrested today on a federal indictment charging conspiracy to defraud the government of income taxes. The indictment alleged that the shortage through improper accounting amounted to \$250,000. oBth pleaded not guilty and were held in bonds of \$25,000 each. Federal officials said it was the first case of the kind to be brought to the attention of the grand jury.

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Representatives of the telephone company, including President Bethel.
T. P. Sylvan, assistant to the president; Attorneys Marye and Swayse of New York, and others attended the hearing. Chairman Brownlow of the commission presided and General Courses of Marye and General Courses of Maryes and General Courses of Ge nearing. Chairman Browniow of the commission presided and General Counsel Conrad H. Syme conducted the questioning of Dr. Wolff for the commission. The hearing was resumed this afternoon and is not expected to terminate before Wednesday or Thursday at the earliest.

"SAFETY" BLADE AS WEAPON. Annual of slashing the ear of Mil-

E. A. Wetmore, Noted Lawyer, Dies dred Greene, colored, with a safety repor blade, Bernice Beasley, colored, 1836 Cooks court, was arraigned be-fore Judge McMahon in Police Court this morning and charged with asgault. The colored woman was arrested

lantic Coastwise Trade.

Plan to Employ 200 of Them in At-

resumption of the hearing before the ships soon will be ready for this traf-

PEACE, SAYS BERNHARD

Financial problems to be met in tal ng care of soldiers' families were considered by American Red Cross division directors of civilian relief in confe at national Red Cross headquarters here today. The conference began yesterday and will last all week.

Problems of Soldiers.

Fifteen division directors from parts of the United States are attendparts of the United States are attending the conference, which is presided over by W. Frank Persons, director general of civilian relief. Willoughby Wailing of the bureau of development of the Red Cross took up the financial problems of the work at today's session. Problems under consideration include the maintenance of morale through keeping the soldlers from worrying about their families, rehabilitation of the wounded, communication service to belo

NEW YORK, July 9.—No lives were lost when the American steamship George L. Eaton was sunk in European waters last week, presumably by a submarine, according to a cable message received here by James W. Elwell & Co., owners of the ship. All the crew landed safety at a French port.

LENINE STRIVES TO HOMES PREPARED PLACATE GERMANS FOR CLERK INFLUX

sination of von Mirbach on Entente Agents.

TEUTONS ARE AROUSED SITES FOR DORMITORIES

LONDON, July 8.—Nikolai Lenine.

the bolshevik premier, is endeavoring the beginning of summer, belief has to placate the Germans by appointing been expressed in some quarters that an "extraordinary commission of in-the return of hundreds of persons to vestigation" to probe the death of the city in the fall may cause more Sount von Mirbach. The commission is headed by "Comrade Peters."

Mirbach affair. A German official ac- of 500 a week and that a total of count of the assassination concludes: permits the assumption that agents in the service of the entente are impli-cated in the affair."

Counter Revolt Suppressed.

The counter-revolutionary rising in Moscow has been suppressed and the revolutionaries are making a most ignominious flight. Orders have been issued to arrest and to disarm all members of the social revolutionary detachments and to shoot on the spot all who resist. Several hundred participants in the rising have been arrested, among them Vice Chairman Alexandrovitch, while special orders have been issued to secure all memment war workers in Washington is

Although the \$10,000,000 approprihave been issued to secure all members of the executive committee of the
social revolutions ry party.

The murder of Count von Mirbach
has caused great excitement in Germany, the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Copenhagen reports. All
the German newspapers use violent
expressions in commenting upon the
event, but at the same time are generally in agreement that the bolshevik government was not connected
with the assassination.

The Wolff Bureau telegram from
Moscow, the Copenhagen dispatch
adds, declares the social revolutionists admitted they were concerned in
the plot to assassinate the ambassador.

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Man Behind Plot. Is Claim.

German newspapers now are pointing to Gen. Savinkoff, who was war ing to Gen. Savinkon, who was war minister in the Kerensky cabinet, as the man behind the von Mirbach plot, which is being gradually developed by the Teuton press into a great anti-German movement, backed by all those men whom Germany has found to be hindrances in her plans of aggression in Practice. A Morrow telegram circuit in Russia. A Moscow telegram circu-lated by the Wolff News Bureau of

Berlin says:

"Savinkoff is considered to be responsible for the deed. He is, moreover, said to be closely connected with the Czecho-Slovak and social revolutionary movements. His whereabouts is unknown."

Radical Move Is Seen.

German newspapers are preparing the public for a radical move against Russia as punishment for the Mirbach affair. Exactly what this move will be is not as yet indicated, but Dutch and Scandinavian newspapers hint at a march on Moscow, and dispatches are printed showing that German forces now are about 300 miles west of that city and are being heavily re-inforced.

The shipping board and the railroads administration together are working out a program by which the railroads will be relieved of considerable traffic along the seaboard, especially in connection with coal and cotton shipments along the Atlantic coast.

Wooden ships are to be used extensively in this coastwise movement of commodities, which hitherto has entailed a heavy burden on the railroads. About 200 of these wooden ships soon will be ready for this traffic.

The extent to which the wooden shipprogram is speeding up is indicated

might endanger persons who, in an orderly country, would be safe from harm. It gives the following alleged quotation from a speaker at a rail-way strike meeting in Moscow:

"It is time to throw off the noese von Mirbach has put around our necks, otherwise a cheerful death threatens us. Away with German capital! Away with von Mirbach and his whole counter-revolutionary band."

Soviets Are Absolved.

Berlin Political Writer Says

President's Plan Is

Basis.

COPENHAGEN, July 9.—Writing in the Vossische Zeitung, and other German newspaners, copies of which have been received here, all tend to absolve the soviet government of Russia of responsibility for the murder of Count on Mirbach, German ambassador to Russia. The newspapers hint at an intrigue of the entente governments to sow distrust between Germany and the soviet government.

The Vossische Zeitung of Berlin George Bernhard, political editor, says:

"The time is now ripe openly to discuss peace conditions. Having regard to the ideal peace conditions laid down by President Wilson unanimity on the matter washed."

Assassins Defended.

a down by President Wilson unanimity on the matter undoubtedly could easily be reached if a method of discussing the peace terms could only be agreed upon."

Bernhard says Germany and her allies would undoubtedly accept reasonable disarmament proposals.

President Wilson's demands for self-government by small nations, the writer says, would be favorably received, but the central powers would insist upon knowing the attitude of England regarding Ireland. Negotiations, the writer adds, should take place directly between the belligerents respecting frontier regulations.

TO RELIEVE WAR WORRIES.

Red Cross Discusses Financial

Problems of Soldiers

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To RELIEVE WAR WORRIES.

Changes Are Imminent.

"Changes in Russia are imminent," ays the Frankfurter Zeitung. entente's enterprise should lead to the entente's enterprise should be collapse of the present government with will remain of the peace treaties. Our problem would then become more complicated than ever. Let us hope that in the solu-tion of them the sword will play as little a role as possible. Nevertheless, the central powers on no account can permit the entente to find fresh re-sources in the east."

NO FEAR OF SUGAR FAMINE

Definite assurances that there is no danger of a sugar familie were given by the food administration today, and the food situation generally was declared to be better than at any time since America undertook the feeding of the allied world.

The American public will, however. by the food administration today, and None Lost When Eaton Was Sunk, of the allied world.

Berlin Tries to Fasten Assas- 4,000 Rooms Available Now for Five Hundred Arriv-

ing Weekly.

Although the housing situation in congestion for the winter.

It was estimated today that the Meanwhile Berlin is doing its ut-most to make capital out of the von 15,000 more employes will be brought "The result of a preliminary inquiry here by Uncle Sam during the remainder of the year.

This means that there is a net increase of 500 after deducting resig-

be the sites decided on for the dor-mitories and the tract from 17th to 12th and from E to East Capitol streets southeast for the homes for navy yard workers.

If work should be started by the middle of this month it probably would be late in September before the structures would be completed.

Able to Meet Influx.

Mr. Hege expressed confidence to-day that with rooms still being listed daily the room registration office will be able to meet the influx of clerks until the dormitories are ready for

The room registration office offers The room registration office offers practically no accommodation, however, for the navy yard workers who still are being brought here and nearly all of whom have families. The housing bureau is contemplating several hundred small homes and a dozen or more apartment houses of permanent construction.

It is probable that once work is begun on both the dormitories and the navy yard homes the government will see that materials are given priority in shipment, in order that the housing accommodations may be completed in as short a period as possible.

CAPT. LA GARDE IS MADE ADJUTANT GENERAL IN D. C.

ment today assign Capt. Richard D. LaGarde, United States Army, retired. to active duty as adjutant general of Capt. LaGarde was born in Indian Terriory in May, 1883, and served as a private in Troop B. 4th Cavalry. from August, 1902, to December, 1903. In November, 1904, while a resident of the District of Columbia, he was appointed second lieutenant, 1st United States Infantry, and served with that regiment until September, 1905, when he was transferred, to the 24th Infantry. Subsequently, he served with the 10th and 9th Regiments of Infantry.

try. He was retired with the rank of cap-tain in 1916, and since then has lived at 2630 Woodley place, this city. HANS MERX, MUSICIAN,

GOES TO BE INTERNEU CHICAGO, July 9 .- Hans Merx, until his arrest May 31, under the espionage act, superintendent of church music in the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Chicago, started today with a party of enemy aliens for Fort Ogle-

thorpe, Ga., where they are to be interned.
Federal agents assert that Merx, a reserve officer of the Austrian army, conducted correspondence with persons concerned in plots against the United States. He formerly lived in Brooklyn, N. T., where he was active in musical circles.

CALLS FOR INFORMATION.

Mr. Hadley Introduces Inquiry Regarding Milk Condenseries.

Representative Hadley, of Washington today introduced a resolution calling on the food administration to report to the House whether any steps have been taken to regulate the op-eration of milk condenseries, whether regulation to the prices paid by them to milk producers exists or whether the war-time profits of the condense-ries are regulated.

HELD FOR GRAND JURY.

Isaac Lee Arraigned on Charge of Carrying Deadly Weapon. Isaac Lee, colored, was arraigned

before Judge McMahon in Police Court this morning on a charge of carrying a deadly weapon. He tered a plea of not guilty and was held under \$500 bond for action by the grand jury.
Lee was arrested by Policeman C.

H. Trammell, Sergt. Holmes and De-H. Trammell, Sergt. Holmes and Detective J. A. Sullivan of the eighth precinct when he attempted to shoot a colored man following a dispute in a Chinese restaurant at 8th street and Florida avenue early this morning. a Chinese restaurant of this morning. The police say that Lee snapped the trigger of the revolver several times, but it failed to go off. When arrested the loaded revolver was found on him.

PARIS, July 9 .- Police Commissioner Priolet, at the request of Capt. Bouchard of the Paris military court,

Reporter to Begin Prison Term.

Children's Matches Start Blaze.

Children playing with matches this norning started a small fire in the ouse of Henry Clay, 207 O street. Firemen made a quick response to an alarm sounded from box 277 and prevented the fire from doing more than \$25 dam-